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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) All the eighteen Rural Welfare Officers have been absorbed in the National Extension Service Scheme.

" (b) Before absorption under the National Extension Service, their scale of pay was Rs. 150—5—200. Eight of the Rural Welfare Officers were absorbed as Social Education Organizers in the scale of Rs. 90—3—120—5—200 and the remaining ten as Block Development Officers (Gazetted) in the scale of Rs. 230—20/2—310—30/2—400."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know how many of them are women? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am afraid none of them is a woman."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I shall take ten more minutes and finish the rest of the questions."

Deaths due to electric shock in the Electricity department.

12 noon. * 1147 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of deaths of employees in the Electricity department due to the electric shock during the last three years; and

(b) the compensation, or other relief, if any, granted in those cases?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Twenty-six.

" (b) Compensation was given in all the 26 cases and the total amount of compensation paid was Rs. 41,010."

Alleged missing of a child from the Government Hospital, Tiruvarur.

* 1148 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the circumstances under which a four-day old child was found missing late in the night on 18th March 1954, from its place in the maternity ward of the Government Hospital, Tiruvarur, and was found later lying dead outside the ward?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A four-day old female baby who was lying in between her mother and grandmother in the verandah of the Maternity ward of the Government Hospital, Tiruvarur, was found missing at about 3-15 a.m. on the 19th March 1954. Only a few minutes back the Maternity assistant of the hospital noticed the mother breast-feeding the baby. Immediately after the baby was found missing, a search was made and the baby was recovered alive

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from a dog. The baby had injuries on both its legs. In spite of immediate medical treatment the baby died at about 6 a.m. the same day in the hospital."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Another case of this type came before this House and the Hon. Minister then promised that such things would not recur thereafter. Did the Government conduct any inquiry into this matter? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. An inquiry has been conducted into this matter."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" The Hon. Minister stated that the information was that a few minutes before the incident took place, the child was there. If so, who gave the information immediately after the child was missing? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The grandmother of the baby, Sir."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Last year a question was put by me in regard to a child found missing in the Kasturba Hospital, Madras. Then the Hon. Minister was pleased to give an assurance that sufficient and suitable measures would be taken for the safety of the inmates of the hospital in future. May I know what steps have been taken to prevent such missing of children from hospitals? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Various measures have been taken for this purpose. Nurses have been instructed to keep an eye on the children during their wakeful and playing hours. Mothers and guardians are allowed to be near the new babies. Nursing orderlies, pupil nurses and maternity assistants are all asked to keep guard on the children's wards during the visiting hours and trellis have been provided on the verandahs of the children's ward. But in this hospital there is no children's ward."

SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR :—" Who has been appointed to keep an eye on the nursing orderlies and nurses? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The medical officers."

Facilities allowed to the evacuees from Pakistan.

* 1149 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of evacuees from Pakistan at present in the State; and

(*b*) the nature of the aid and the amount of loan disbursed to them by the State and the subsidy granted by the Government of India?